



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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STATE OF MAINE

The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on September 14, 2016 at Medomak Valley High School, Waldoboro, Maine. The following members were present: Vice Chair Jana Lapoint; John Bird; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; Ande Smith; Noa Sreden; and Elise McKendry.

Excused: Chair, Martha Harris and Wilson Hess

Also present were: Scott Brown, Director of School Construction Programs; Robert Hasson, Director of Certification; Aaron Chadbourne, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor; and Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Jana Lapoint called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

VISION STATEMENT:

Read by student member, Noa Sreden: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes as amended.

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 2, 2016 minutes as written.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Construction Committee (Peter Geiger):

The Construction Committee met on September 2, 2016 as scheduled.

- Deputy Commissioner Beardsley discussed with the Committee initiating

the next rating cycle for the Major Capital School Construction Program.

- The Committee voted unanimously to send the Major Capital School Construction Consideration of Additions to the Approved Projects List to the full Board recommending that it be approved.
- The Committee received a presentation from Bill Webster, Superintendent, regarding the City of Lewiston's work with the National Park Service on the land conversion process for the recently approved elementary school project. The land it is being built on is under restriction. This does not affect the Board, it is more the city of Lewiston versus the restrictions on the department of that

The next Construction Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 500 of the Cross State Office Building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Certification and Higher Education (Nichi Farnham):

The Certification and Higher Education Committee did not meet on August 24, 2016, as scheduled.

The next Certification and Higher Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

Career and Technical Education (Heidi Sampson):

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee met on September 1, 2016, as scheduled.

- Fred Woodman did a presentation on the Bridge Year Program
- Overview of the Perkins Funding that will go before the full Board
- Reviewed the specifics on the CTE portion of the Board's Strategic Plan

The next CTE Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2016. The meeting will be held in room 538 of the Cross State Office building. The approved minutes will be posted on the State Board website.

NEW BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM; CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO THE APPROVED PROJECTS LIST FOR RATING CYCLE 2010-2011

STATEMENT OF FACT: The State Board of Education designated six capital projects (1-6) to the Major Capital Construction's Approved Projects List on January 11, 2012. On April 9, 2014 the Board designated an additional six capital projects (7-12.) On August 8, 2016 the Board designated two additional capital projects (13-14). The Deputy Commissioner is now recommending that an additional two projects (15-16) be added to the Approved Projects List.

Approval would allow the Department to work with the school districts in developing recommendations and timelines for each project.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Deputy Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

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| 15. RSU #24 Sullivan | Sumner Memorial High School |
| 16. Auburn School Department | Edward Little High School |

It is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated school systems. The Department will provide the State Board with periodic updates on the status of progress toward Concept Approvals of the two designated projects.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION: On September 2, 2016 the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education support the Deputy Commissioner's recommendation to add the two additional projects listed above to the Approved Projects List and approve the time limitations waiver as presented.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to support the Deputy Commissioner's recommendation to add the two additional projects listed above to the Approved Projects List and approve the time limitations waiver as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL D. PERKINS GRANT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ACT OF 2006 (P.L. 109-270)

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated "eligible agency" in each State, in Maine's case, the State Board of Education to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further requirements are as follows:

"SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

"(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include:

"(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the eligible agency's responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4 times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7, that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the fourth and final report for FY2016.

RECOMMENDATION: The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, of the State of Maine Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L.109-270)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TO RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE

BACKGROUND: The State Board of Education voted on August 8, 2016 to accept the report of findings. The report was based on information obtained at the July 15, 2016 interview with academicians and administrators from the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University by video conference and supplemental information requested by the review team. On July 28, 2016, Dr. David Townsend, the chair of the review team submitted the report to the Maine Department of Education. Both the University of New Hampshire and Cornell University had an opportunity to review the report for errors of fact.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire's request to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine from September 14, 2016 until September 14, 2021.

MOVED by Heidi Sampson, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire's request to receive authorization to offer academic credit programs in the State of Maine from September 14, 2016 until September 14, 2021.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF FINDINGS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF ENDICOTT COLLEGE TO RECEIVE DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORIZATION TO OFFER ACADEMIC CREDIT PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF MAINE

BACKGROUND: At the June 15, 2016 meeting, the State Board of Education voted to accept the Report of Findings for the Endicott College application to

receive degree granting authorization. On May 26, 2016 under the chairpersonship of Dr. Bruno Hicks, the review team interviewed the Endicott College academic administrators by video conference and the Maine Educator's Consortium Director Ms. Donna Cameron by face-to-face. The Report of Findings was compiled using information obtained from the interviews and supplementary data requested by the review team.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education vote to approve Endicott College's application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine under the following conditions: that Endicott College be granted probationary approval from September 14, 2016 to July 31, 2017 and be required to develop and submit a self-study report to the Maine Department of Education no later than ninety days prior to lapse of approval period. The Self-study would include documentation that Endicott College has met their commitment to the Maine Department of Education, and has assessed and addressed the progress of the team's recommendations associated with Standards A, D and H. Following review of the Self-study by a new review team (appointed by the State Board of Education) a recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education as to whether Endicott College's approval should be extended.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve Endicott College's application for degree granting authority in the State of Maine under the following conditions: that Endicott College be granted probationary approval from September 14, 2016 to July 31, 2017 and be required to develop and submit a self-study report to the Maine Department of Education no later than ninety days prior to lapse of approval period. The Self-study would include documentation that Endicott College has met their commitment to the Maine Department of Education, and has assessed and addressed the progress of the team's recommendations associated with Standards A, D and H. Following review of the Self-study by a new review team (appointed by the State Board of Education) a recommendation will be made to the State Board of Education as to whether Endicott College's approval should be extended.

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE BOWDOIN COLLEGE STATE PROGRAM REVIEW

BACKGROUND: Bowdoin College has requested a campus visitation to review their Educator Preparation Program and be granted State program approval.

The Education Department has three faculty members, a placement coordinator, and an administrative coordinator. There are currently two interdisciplinary majors (mathematics and education; physics and education), and two minors (education studies; teaching) offered. Of these programs, both majors and the teaching minor fulfill eligibility requirements for application to our Bowdoin Teacher Scholars certification program in secondary English, social studies, math, life science, physical science, or K-12 world language. Bowdoin Teacher Scholars may complete their practicum experience and

accompanying seminar during a spring semester of their junior or senior year, or within two years of graduation.

An on-site State program approval visit to Bowdoin College is scheduled for October 23-25, 2016.

In accordance with Chapter 114, potential State visitation team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the list for potential State team members for the Bowdoin College state program approval visit schedule for October 23-25, 2016 and designate Dr. Tom Edwards from Thomas College to be the state team chair.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by John Bird, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State team members for the Bowdoin College state program approval visit schedule for October 23-25, 2016 and designate Dr. Tom Edwards from Thomas College to be the state team chair.

APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW TEAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE (UMPI) STATE PROGRAM APPROVAL VISIT

BACKGROUND: The College of Education at the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) has requested a campus visitation to review their Educator Preparation Program and be granted State program approval.

The College of Education consists of majors in Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and Physical Education. Within the Elementary Education major, students may elect concentrations in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, Art, Early Childhood Education, and Special Education. Secondary majors can elect concentrations in Mathematics, Science, Biology, and English. The Physical Education program leads to K- 12 certification. The College of Education offers an alternative route to certification for students who have completed an undergraduate degree and then wish to pursue teacher certification, and an Associate's Degree for Special Education Paraprofessionals.

An on-site State program approval visit to UMPI is scheduled to be conducted from noon, Sunday, October 16 through October 19, 2015.

In accordance with Chapter 114, potential State visitation team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the list for potential State team members for the University of Maine at Presque Isle state program approval visit schedule for October 16-19, 2016 and designate Dr. Lane Clarke from the University of New England to be the state team chair.

Proposed Review Team

| University of Maine at Presque Isle | | Educator Preparation Program Review Team Roster: October 16-19, 2016 |
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| | 1. | Lane Clarke (Chair) University of New England lclarke@une.edu 207-602-2682 |
| | 2. | Barbara Moody Husson University moodyb@husson.edu 207-992-4988 |
| | 3. | Pamela Thompson Thomas College thompsonp@thomas.edu 207.859.1111 |
| | 4. | Julie DellaMattera The University of Maine julie.dellamattera@maine.edu 207-581-3118 |
| | 5. | Tom Hancock Saint Joseph's College thancock@sjcme.edu 207-893-7929 |
| | 6. | Heather Ball University of Maine at Machias hball@maine.edu 207-255-1381 |
| State Board Observer | | Ande Smith |

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the list for potential State team members for the University of Maine at Presque Isle state program approval visit schedule for October 16-19, 2016 and designate Dr. Lane Clarke from the University of New England to be the state team chair.

**ELECT VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE
BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) ANNUAL MEETING**

MOVED by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to appoint Martha Harris as the voting delegate at the National

Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual business meeting in October 2016.

MOVED by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to appoint Jana Lapoint to serve as the alternate voting delegate at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual business meeting in October 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board went into executive session to discuss a student transfer appeal at 2:00 PM, with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 2:06 PM.

STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:

MOTION by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of MF. The transfer is denied.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Chair, Martha Harris (written report read by Vice Chair Jana Lapoint)

- On August 11, she attended the Maine Teacher of the Year semi-finalist event at the University of Maine Orono (UMO). The seven teachers (an eighth dropped out due to a new position she had taken) each gave a five to six minute speech on a topic of their choice. The group had to grade them on a 1 to 4 rubric. They had a great lunch and had time to mix and mingle. In the afternoon, each candidate was asked three questions – one about classroom issues, one about leadership and one about policy. The group had to grade them on a 1 to 5 rubric. It was very difficult because they were all terrific. The next day, Martha spent six hours reading their portfolios. When she left the building at 6:45 pm, there was no one around. Portfolios could have maximum score of 100. Her lowest was 85. Again, they were all terrific. Anyone of the seven would have made a terrific Teacher of the Year, and they make terrific county teachers of the year. There are now three finalists. Thank you to Peter Geiger for letting her have this wonderful experience.
- On August 25, she attended the grand opening of the Central Community Elementary School in Corinth. Peter Geiger spoke on behalf of the Board. It was an exciting event.
- On September 2, the Board held a special meeting to review student transfer appeals. Thanks again to all Board members for their time and effort.
- Also on September 2, she attended the Construction Committee meeting and Agenda Review with Deputy Commissioner Beardsley.

- Last week she went to her 50th high school reunion in Syracuse, NY. The tour of her school was scary. It has no windows – all the rage for schools in 1963 when it was built.

Vice Chair, Jana Lapoint

- She has been working with the Charter Commission:
 - The Commission received only one application for a Charter School. If approved, this would bring them to a total of 10 schools which is all they are allowed by current law.
 - Two new Charter Schools opened this fall. Snow Pond Academy of the Arts has an enrollment of 110. They are approved for 124. Arcadia serves this year K-3 grades in Lewiston and is filled with a waiting list of 54 students.
 - The Commission is currently looking to fill the position of Finance Administrator. The specific responsibility will be to work each of the schools financial budgets and ensuring their financial standards are kept up to date.
 - The Commission has reached a mile stone. This year they have their first two charters that are up for renewal. Their goal to date has been to monitor and review each charter contract yearly to determine if they have met their goals. As a Commission, they are concerned with “just getting it right”. When Jana went to her first National Convention, she never thought the Commission would ever be ready for their first renewal. Jana felt they had so much work ahead of them before jumping into a renewal process but here they are. The end of September, both Cornville and MeANS will submit their first renewal report. Their renewal will consist of reviewing each part of their original contract to determine if they reached their goals. The Commission will review each of the past four years as it relates to their contract and determine if they warrant another 5-year contract. They will also share with the Commission any concepts they wish to alter their current program. Example: A school that has focused on grade 1-8 but may want to entertain a high school or include K or Pre-K. The Commission will review in public each of the applicant’s reports and take input from both the schools and the public. They could also ask for a replication in another location of their current program since the Commission is at capacity of schools and everyone has a waiting list.
 - There has also been an interest in district schools establishing a charter school but this is an area that their Commission is not responsible for. It falls within the Department of Education (DOE) and the local schools establishing their own separate board from their current board.
- She attended the Blue Ribbon Commission Meeting – Discussion Items:
 - State contract for teachers to equalize salary across the State of Maine but also provide teachers with some insurance as state employees.

- Colleges need to be encouraged to develop higher entrance standards for incoming students.
- Requirement of pre-school for all 3-4 year olds, all students. Could be looked at for only those students who need service.
- Create system of teacher evaluation for higher salary to instructional effectiveness and away from longevity. A small percentage of the evaluation could be around student growth as measured through maybe the NEWA.
- Create incentives for schools to establish more working relationships with other district in either academic or back office work.
- More opportunities for high school students to take CAP classes or increase more opportunities in the Bridge Program.
- Streamline teacher certification (why our standards for PRAXIS higher than say New Hampshire) and make more programs available for highly qualified people to become teachers without giving up entire year without pay to take enough courses to become certified.
- Provide more funds for professional development of both teachers and administrators. Our administrators are vital to the work of the school and not enough attention is being provided for their development.
- Strengthen teacher preparation by providing funds to colleges which would enable students to participate in more diverse school systems. We are limiting often where a student may work due to lack of diverse experiences.
- Study what it would take to provide outreach with resources for disadvantaged students.
- Extend school year
- More opportunities for Career and Technical Education postsecondary education
- State should take PreK – 16 perspectives.



BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Noa Sreden:

- School started for her on September 2.
- At her September 12 local school board meeting they set board goals for the year. It was a very good conversation.
- She is playing soccer this fall and is captain of her team. They are currently 2-1.
- She was re-elected to her Student Committee Liaison Council for the 4th year.
- She is taking AP Environmental Science, Speech, AP Literature, and Micro Economics through UMaine.

Elise McKendry:

- She now has her driver's license which is very exciting.

- In the beginning of October she will be going on a college trip to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and University of New England (UNE), which is exciting as she has been looking at both schools.
- She just started her classes and three are on line.
- Her brother just went off to his first year of college at University of Maine Orono (UMO). This is another school Elise is looking at.

John Bird:

- He has visited with the Superintendent in his own school district – RSU 13. His hometown of Rockland has a lot to be proud of. They have region eight for CTE with one of the strongest directors in the state. He will be spending time with her later in the week.
- He is still involved in the “Save the Birthplace of Edna St. Vincent Millay Home” in Rockland. By the end of the month they will have completed all of the exterior work on the house and they have also reached the dollar amount that the Quimby family offered to match. They have been able to pay for all the exterior work for phase-one and will have money remaining.

Nichi Farnham:

- She attended her last open house at Bangor High School.

Peter Geiger:

- He attended the September 25th opening ceremony of the new elementary school in Corinth. Scott Brown cut the ribbon which was really nice.

Ande Smith:

- He attended the Construction Committee Meeting on September 2, 2016.
- He has been reviewing the statute to see what needs to be cleaned up.
- He has been working on coordinating a privacy seminar for the Board.

Heidi Sampson:

- On August 31, she met with Derek Langhouser, Senator Dave Woodsum and members of Southern Maine Community College Career and Technical Education Programs, to discuss where Career and Technical Education is going with the Community Colleges and what their vision is. She will be inviting Derek to present to the CTE Committee. She will also be inviting the Chancellor of the University of Maine System.
- She attended the CTE Committee meeting on September 1.
- On September 12, she was invited to the MACTE meeting in Lewiston. She attended and 25 out of 27 directors were in attendance. She mentioned an idea of having a statewide initiative where people will get together to discuss the marketing and the goal would be to have a competition in the schools with photography and a video.

Jane Sexton:

- She traveled Downeast to Lubec and Eastport. There is a private organization called the Downeast Institute. They are associated with the University of Maine at Machias. They do real research. On Beals Island

they invite the kids into their laboratory. Jane shared her visit with the Board. If any Board members are aware of any STEM projects, please let Jane know so she can visit the schools.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Submit travel and expense account vouchers to Mary at the end of this meeting.
- Maine School Management Association (MSMA) Fall Conference – The conference is scheduled for October 27 and 28, 2016 and will be held at the Augusta Civic Center. Let Martha Harris know if you are interested in participating in a clinic at the conference.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the September 14, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 2:40 PM.